

**REMARKS**


By this Amendment, claims 4, 5, 7-11, 22, and 23 are amended, claims 24 and 25 are added, and claims 3 and 6 are canceled, leaving claims 2 and 12-21 unchanged. Claim 1 was canceled in an earlier Amendment.

On pages 2 and 3 of the Office action, claims 3, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,447,272 issued to Tsuchiya in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,594,555 in view of Hardy. However, on pages 3 and 4 of the Office action, claims 2 and 12-21 are allowed, and claims 4, 5, 8, 9 and 23 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 3 of the present application is hereby canceled, with the elements and limitations of claim 3 now included in allowed claims 4, 5, 9, and 23 in order to place claims 4, 5, 9, and 23 in allowable form. Claim 6 is also hereby canceled, with the elements and limitations of claim 6 now included in allowed claim 8 in order to place claim 8 in allowable form. In light of these changes, the dependencies of claims 7, 10, 11 and 22 are also hereby changed. New claims 24 and 25 are hereby added, and are essentially the same as dependent claim 10, but are instead dependent upon other claims.

Entry of the above-referenced amendments is respectfully requested. If any issues remain outstanding upon entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Applicant's Representative at (414) 225-8266.

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